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## What is claimed is:

- 1. A conductive concrete mixture for use in a bridge deck system comprising: cement; aggregate; water, and conductive materials, wherein said conductive materials include metal fibers and metal particles.
- 5 2. The mixture of claim 1 wherein said metal fibers comprise 1-3% of the total volume of conductive concrete mixture and said metal particles comprise 5-40% of the total volume of conductive concrete mixture.
  - 3. The mixture of claim 2 wherein said metal fibers comprise 1-2% of the total volume of conductive concrete mixture and said metal particles comprise 10-30% of the total volume of conductive concrete mixture.
  - 4. The mixture of claim 3 wherein said metal fibers comprise 1.5% of the total volume of conductive concrete mixture and said metal particles comprise 20% of the total volume of conductive concrete mixture.
- 5. The mixture of claim 4 wherein electrodes are embedded therein at spaced locations.
  - 6. The mixture of claim 5 wherein said electrodes are spaced four to six feet apart.
- A method of making conductive concrete comprising: loading coarse aggregate onto a conveyer; loading metal particles onto said conveyer; thereafter placing metal fibers onto said conveyer wherein the contents of said conveyer then are emptied into a container containing cement in water; and mixing said coarse aggregate, metal particles, metal fibers and cement in water in said container.

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- 8. A heating system for a bridge deck comprising: a photovoltaic cell; an energy storage device electrically coupled to said photovoltaic cell; and conductive concrete forming at least a portion of the bridge deck and being electrically coupled to said energy storage device; wherein said conductive concrete includes metal fibers and metal particles.
- 9. The heating system of claim 8 wherein said energy storage device is a bank of one or more batteries.
- 10. The heating system of claim 9 wherein said power system further comprises an inverter and a step-up transformer.
- 10 11. A heating system for a bridge deck comprising: conductive concrete forming at least a portion of the bridge deck; wherein said conductive concrete includes metal fibers and metal particles; a power source electrically coupled to said conductive concrete; a control unit for turning said power supply on and off; a temperature sensor electrically coupled to said controller; and a moisture sensor electrically coupled to said controller; wherein said control unit is turned on or off upon sensing particular temperature and moisture levels.
  - 12. The heating system of claim 11 wherein there are at least two temperature sensors, one for sensing air temperature and one for sensing the surface temperature of the conductive concrete.
- 20 13. The heating system of claim 12 wherein said power source is an alternate current power source.

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- 14. Electrodes for use in a conductive concrete bridge deck system comprising: two parallel plate portions; and at least one intermediate section, said parallel plate portions and said intermediate section forming at least one void therebetween through which conductive concrete may flow; wherein said electrodes are embedded in the conductive concrete at spaced locations.
- 15. The electrodes of claim 14 wherein said parallel plate portions and said intermediate section are formed as part of a single metal plate.
- 16. The electrodes of claim 15' wherein said intermediate sections are formed by attaching elongated rod structures to said parallel plate portions at spaced locations.
- 10 17. The electrodes of claim 16 wherein said parallel plate portions are formed from corrugated metal.
- 18. A heating system for a bridge deck comprising: a first layer; a second layer made of an electrically conductive material situated atop said first layer; and means for applying an electrical current to said second layer; wherein said second layer comprises a cementitious composite admixed with a plurality of electrically conductive components; and wherein said electrically conductive components are metal particles and metal fibers.
  - 19. The heating system of claim 18 wherein said means to apply an electrical current comprises a power source capable of applying an electrical current to a planar surface of said second layer sufficient to heat said planar surface to a temperature greater than 0°C.
- 20. The heating system of claim 19 wherein said means to apply an electrical current comprises a power source capable of applying an average electrical power of 500-600 W/m² to said electrically conductive material.
  - 21. The heating system of claim 19 wherein said power source is a direct current power source.

- 22. The heating system of claim 19 wherein said power source is an alternate current power source.
- 23. The heating system of claim 19 wherein said power source is a photovoltaic power source.
- 5 24. The heating system of claim 20 wherein said power source is a direct current power source.
  - 25. The heating system of claim 20 wherein said power source is an alternate current power source.
- 26. The heating system of claim 20 wherein said power source is a photovoltaic power source.
  - 27. A heating system for a bridge deck comprising: a first layer; a second layer made of an electrically conductive material situated atop said first layer; a thermal insulating layer disposed between said first layer and said second layer; and means for applying an electrical current to said second layer.
- 15 28. The heating system of claim 27 wherein said second layer comprises a cementitious composite admixed with a plurality of electrically conductive components.
  - 29. The heating system of claim 28/wherein said plurality of electrically conductive components are metal particles and metal fibers.
- 30. The heating system of claim 29 wherein said means to apply an electrical current comprises a power source capable of applying an electrical current to a planar surface of said second layer sufficient to heat said planar surface to a temperature greater than 0°C.





- 31. The heating system of claim 30 wherein said means to apply an electrical current comprises a power source capable of applying an average electrical power of 500-600 W/m<sup>2</sup> to said electrically conductive material.
- 32. The heating system of claim 30 wherein said power source is a direct current power source.
  - 33. The heating system of claim 30 wherein said power source is an alternate current power source.
  - 34. The heating system of claim 30 wherein said power source is a photovoltaic power source.
- 10 35. The heating system of claim 31 wherein said power source is a direct current power source.
  - 36. The heating system of claim 31 wherein said power source is an alternate current power source.
- 37. The heating system of claim 31 wherein said power source is a photovoltaic power source.
  - 38. A system to melt ice and snow accumulation from a bridge deck comprising: a first layer; a second layer made of an electrically conductive material situated atop said first layer; and means for applying a radio frequency across said second layer sufficient to create microwave heating of said ice and snow accumulation atop said second layer.
- 20 39. The system of claim 38 wherein a thermal insulating layer is applied between said first layer and said second layer.





- 40. A method to apply a conductive concrete surface capable of melting ice and snow accumulation from the surface thereof, comprising: applying a layer of electrically conductive material on top of an existing layer; and applying means whereby an electrical current can be applied to said layer of electrically conductive material, wherein said layer of electrically conductive material comprises a cementitious composite admixed with a plurality of electrically conductive components, and wherein said electrically conductive components include metal fibers and metal particles.
- 41. The method of claim 40 wherein a thermal insulation layer is applied between said existing layer and said layer of electrically conductive material.
- 10 42. A method to apply a conductive concrete surface capable of melting ice and snow accumulation from the surface thereof, comprising: applying a layer of electrically conductive material on top of an existing layer; and applying means whereby a radio frequency can be directed said electrically conductive material.
- 43. The method of claim 42 wherein a thermal insulation layer is applied between said existing layer and said layer of electrically conductive material.
  - 44. The method of claim 43 wherein said electrically conductive material comprises a cementitious composite admixed with a plurality of electrically conductive components.
  - 45. An insulating material, comprising: between 50 to 99 percent mortar by volume; and between 1 to 50 percent sawdust by volume.